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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1326

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 8, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Various Education Matters.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Rhoads

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: *Criminal History Check:* This bill provides that an "expanded criminal history check," for purposes of education law, requires a national criminal history background check. It eliminates other types of permissible record searches under current law.

Obsolete Programs: The bill abolishes the following programs and entities concerning various education matters:

1. Technology Apprenticeship Grant Program.
2. Corporation for Educational Technology, including the Buddy System Project.
3. School Intervention and Career Counseling Development Program.
4. Education Consultant for Health and Physical Education.
5. Principal Leadership Academy.
6. School Grant Writing and Fund Raising Assistance Program.
7. Technology Preparation Task Force.
8. Research and Development Program concerning various studies and evaluations.
9. Educational Technology Council.
10. Teacher Quality and Professional Improvement Program.
11. Committee on Educational Attitudes, Motivation, and Parental Involvement.
12. Readiness Testing.
13. Student Services Programs.
14. Twenty-First Century Schools Pilot Program.
15. Anti-gang Counseling Pilot Program and Fund.
16. Department of education review of professional development programs.
17. Placement of school in category or designation of school improvement.

18. Performance-Based Awards.
19. ISTEP Program Citizens' Review Committee.
20. Ambassador for Education.

ISTEP Test: The bill deletes provisions concerning: (1) availability of ISTEP essay questions for inspection by students and parents; and (2) requests for rescoring. It deletes obsolete provisions concerning testing schedules.

The bill deletes obsolete provisions concerning assessments at the conclusion of certain Core 40 courses.

The bill also makes conforming changes.

The bill deletes references to statutes repealed during the 2011 legislative session.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Obsolete Programs:* According to the Department, the 20 programs listed for elimination have had no staff or activity associated with the programs for the last few years. The elimination of the programs should have no fiscal impact.

ISTEP Test: Currently, the state must allow each student or the student's parent to inspect the following:

1. A copy of the essay questions and prompts used in assessing the student.
2. A copy of the student's scored essays.
3. A copy of the anchor papers and scoring rubrics used to score the student's essays.

The parent can also currently request a rescoring of the test.

Eliminating these options should reduce the cost of administering the test. When test questions and the rubrics associated with the questions are made public, the questions can not be used for several years, so more new questions must be developed each year. It is currently unknown how much might be saved if fewer new questions have to be developed annually. The possible savings from not allowing a parent to request a rescoring is unknown. However these costs are part of the current contract DOE has with the vendor.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Criminal History Check:* The change should have no fiscal impact on schools. The employee under IC 20-26-5-10 is required to pay the cost of the required criminal history check.

Background: A national criminal history background check means the criminal history record system maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation based on fingerprint identification or any other method of positive identification.

Under current law the required expanded criminal history check includes the national criminal background check along with the following:

1. A search of the records maintained by all counties in Indiana in which the individual who is the subject of the background check resided.
2. A search of the records maintained by all counties or similar governmental units in another state, if

the individual who is the subject of the background check resided in another state.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Local schools and accredited nonpublic schools.

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